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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rajampet Municipality – Allegation of misappropriation of Municipal funds - Disciplinary Proceedings instituted against Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality, YSR Kadapa District under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of stoppage of five (5) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect – Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.372 **Dated.08.04.2024**

Read the following:-

1. From CDMA, AP, Hyderabad, Lr. Roc.No.24493/2011/A2, Dt. 05.05.2012 & Dt.23.02.2015
2. G.O.Rt. No's.300-302, MA&UD(Vig.II-2) Dept.,dt: 29.04.2015.
3. WSD dt.14.09.2015 of Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality
4. G.O.Rt.No.733,MA&UD(Vig.II-2) Dept., dt.07.11.2015
5. From Sri P. Chandra Mouliswar Reddy, Enquiry Officer & then Deputy Commissioner, Tirupathi Municipal Corporation, Lr. RoC.No.857/2017-C1, dt.21.01.2021
6. Govt. Memo No.12559/Vig.III-2/2012, dt.20.09.2021.
7. Written explanation dt.28.06.2022 from Sri Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Jr.Asst, Rajampeta Municipality.

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O R D E R:

Based on the report of Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP.,(C&DMA) in the reference 1st read above, Government initiated Disciplinary proceedings and framed article of charges against Kum.I.Jeevarthnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality and another on the allegation of misappropriation of Municipal funds, with a direction to submit their written statement of defenses within 15 days from the date of receipt of order, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. In reference 3rd read above, the charged officer submitted her written statement of defense, wherein, while denying the charges, stated that she remitted the misppropriated amount and requested to drop further action against her.

3. Government, after examining the written statement of defenses submitted by the charged officers and having not convinced with their explanations, appointed Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the two charged officers vide 4th read above with a direction to submit report within two months.

4. The Inquiry Authority in reference 5th read above has furnished the Inquiry report and held that the charges against Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality are not proved. Government have examined the findings of Inquiry Officer and after careful consideration disagreed with the findings of Inquiry Officer with the following reasons:-

1. Misappropriation of funds have been proved, since the said amount has been remitted by Kum I. Jeevarathnamma, the then Junior Assistant, when it was noticed. It shall be treated as temporary misappropriation.

2. Both the charged officers have not taken care in dealing with cash transactions and not followed the proper procedure of verification of accounts for a period of three consecutive financial years. Hence, the dereliction of duties on both the C.Os. are held proved.

3. The Municipal Commissioner is overall in charge of the Municipality. But, he failed in discharging his legitimate duties. Due to his negligence, the misappropriation of funds have been arisen.

5. In reference 6th read above, a copy of the inquiry report along with disagreement factors was communicated to Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality for submitting her written representation to the Government within 15 days. In turn, Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality has submitted her written representation vide reference 7th read above requesting to drop further course of action in the matter. The Written explanation of the

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charged officer has been examined and it is observed that it is nothing but reiteration submitted before the inquiring authority.

6. Government, have examined the findings of Inquiry Authority and disagreement factors and explanation of the charged officer and observed that she is responsible for misappropriation of municipal funds of Rs.1,58,650/- pertaining to Tap donations, Betterment Charges & Development charges in Rajampet Municipality during the years 2007-2008 & 2009-2010 and she had not supervised the activities of the Private Outsourced employee. Though a Memo was issued to her to set right the things, she had not responded and allowed the misappropriated amounts to be doubled by 2010. It is also observed that she remitted the misappropriated amount ie., after 3 years but it would not absolve her from the guilt. Hence, it has been decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of five (5) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Kum. I. Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of stoppage of five (5) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Kum. I. Jeevarathnamma, former Junior Assistant, Rajampeta Municipality in terms of Rule-9 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991, as she is responsible for misappropriation of municipal funds.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP., Vaddeswaram shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Kum.I.Jeevarathnamma, former Jr.Asst, Rajampeta Municipality **through** the C&DMA, AP., Vaddeswaram.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP., Vaddeswaram.
The Commissioner, Rajampeta Municipality.

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